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Proposed Bill No. 949

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS
FROM THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND TO CERTAIN
SURVIVING SPOUSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That, notwithstanding any provision of chapter 66 of the general
2 statutes, concerning the State Employees Retirement Act, if a member
3 of Tier II who is continuing to earn vesting service or who is on an
4 approved leave of absence, dies as a result of cessation of a life support
5 system six months or less prior to completion of age and service
6 requirements for retirement, the member's spouse, provided they have
7 been lawfully married for at least the twelve months preceding the
8 member's death, shall receive a lifetime income in an amount equal to
9 eighty per cent of the retirement income to which such spouse would
10 have been entitled if such member had reached such age and service
11 requirements; that the spouse of any such member who dies on or after
12 January 1, 2002, may apply to the Connecticut State Employees
13 Retirement Commission for benefits in accordance with this section;
14 that such benefits shall be awarded retroactive to the date of such

15 member's death.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide retirement benefits to the spouse of a state employee who dies six months or less prior to such employee's eligibility for retirement due to cessation of life support.